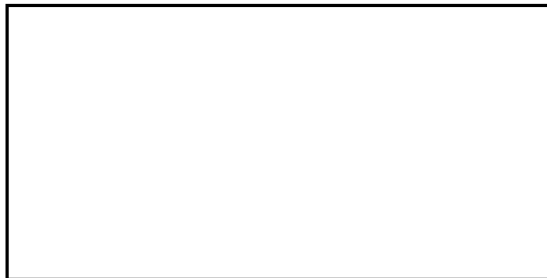


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9 February 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: SNIE 13-2-59: PRESENT TRENDS IN COMMUNIST  
CHINA

BACKGROUND

1. This estimate was requested by CIA on 30 December 1958, the USIB agreeing that the questions especially of leap forward and communes needed to be treated before June 1959, presently the scheduled date of completion of the annual Communist China estimate (NIE 13-59).

SUBSTANCE

2. No major differences of judgment were encountered in the preparation of the estimate.

3. It is not anticipated that any questions will be raised at the USIB.

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES: